

Dear Providence families and friends,

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PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

November 17, 2023

The following articles were submitted by staff, various PHS clubs, booster organizations, etc., and compiled by the PTSO for your convenience. Direct questions related to specific articles to the contact person listed.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

November 22–24	Thanksgiving Break
November 28	Financial Aid Night, 6:30 PM, PHS Auditorium
December 6	NCAA Clearinghouse Workshop, 6:30 PM, PHS Auditorium

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear PHS parents and families,

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized by the superintendent and the CMS Board of Education at their meeting on **November 14** at the Mecklenburg County Government Center. These students showed tremendous growth on their EOC Math I exam. There were 38 students selected throughout CMS to be recognized, and nine were from Providence.

Congratulations to **Hollis Ammons, Madeline Jensen, Sotiri Kelly, Michael Pitsiniagas, Sahara Plueddemann, Leo Sawyer, Lindsey Shaw, Lucy Silverstein, and Jeremiah Thomas**. We are very proud of their accomplishment.

Listed below are several bits of information I need so share with you this week.

Our 10th and 11th graders took the PSAT in October. Scores became available on the student's College Board account yesterday. We do not have access to the student's College Board account. With regard to the pre-ACT, which 10th graders also took in October, we expect a paper copy of those results to arrive any day now. When they do, we will distribute student score sheets and their individual workbooks. That way students can see which questions they missed and refer to the questions so they learn from their errors.

On **Monday, November 20**, we will administer the Panorama Survey. Prior to this year, the survey was administered to all students twice a year. When school started this year, parents were asked to complete a student information form in alignment with SB49, the "Parents Bill of Rights." Only those students whose parents completed the form and opted for them to complete the survey will

participate. The survey will ask students to self-reflect on their own social-emotional learning skills, such as self-management and self-efficacy. The feedback will provide invaluable insights into their experiences and how to improve and adapt our school to their needs. The survey takes approximately 20-30 minutes to complete and will be administered in homeroom. If you have any questions about the survey administration, please don't hesitate to contact Mr. McHugh at mark.mchugh@cms.k12.nc.us.

School will be closed on Wednesday–Friday of this week for the Thanksgiving holiday! Best wishes for a wonderful and restful time with your family.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Sincerely,
Dr. Harrill, principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

New – **Student Government Update**

Hello, Providence! We hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend! The Leadership class is pleased to announce our Officer Prep Leadership Workshop on **December 14**. With instructor approval, students will attend workshops on various leadership topics including creativity, flexibility, communication, and teamwork during their third and fourth block classes. The day will include lunch from Chick-fil-A. The theme is Wild West!

The purpose of this event is to give students a chance to improve their leadership skills through interaction, activities, and reflection. The intended audience is anyone who is interested in gaining skills in our 10 featured areas.

This event is mandatory for anyone who would like to apply for the student council leadership class and program next year. Applications for Officer Prep opened on **November 3** and will close on **November 28**. Seats for this event are limited, so we encourage students to sign up early.

Information on how to apply for the program will be available for students on our news program and outside of room 235. Payment will be available on OSP only. We are looking forward to another wonderful experience for our students.

Absences from Officer Prep will not appear in PowerSchool and will not count toward final exams.

To stay updated on upcoming events and information, follow @providenceeb on Instagram. If you have any questions, contact Leadership advisor Laura Bauer at lauram.bauer@cms.k12.nc.us.

(Submitted 11/15/2023 by Laura Bauer, lauram.bauer@cms.k12.nc.us)

Holiday Wreath Sale

The horticulture classes are having their annual holiday wreath sale. Live Frasier fir wreaths are \$25 without a bow and \$30 with a bow. You can also order matching bows for \$5 each as long as ribbon

is available. Orders will be taken until **November 20** using online school payment (OSP). See our website for order forms and ribbon samples so you can choose your bows: [Bit.ly/PHSFFAholiday](https://bit.ly/PHSFFAholiday)

Wreaths can be picked up on **Wednesday, November 29** from **2:30–4:30 PM** in the PHS greenhouse. Email Ms. Edens at Loism.edens@cms.k12.nc.us with any questions.

(Submitted 11/2/2023 by Lois Edens, Loism.edens@cms.k12.nc.us)

Flock a 2024 Senior

Honor your student's senior year by celebrating with a Providence yard flock. For just \$15, PHS parent volunteers will flock your front yard with 24 black and gold lawn flamingos and a sign to commemorate their flocking. Flocks arrive in the late afternoon/evening and stay for 24 hours. This is a great way to recognize your senior's birthday or just honor their senior year.

Don't forget to schedule the flocking by emailing your requested date to flockasenior@gmail.com and include the student's name and address. Payment can be made through Pay4SchoolStuff at this [link](#).

(Submitted 11/06/2023 by Vicky Shannon, vshannon4@gmail.com)

PawPrints Submissions

Attention parents, coaches, advisors, and leaders of Providence High School sports teams, clubs, and other organizations: We need your articles (with photos) of your PHS group detailing your accomplishments this past semester. Please send your submissions to providencehspawprints@gmail.com no later than **Friday, December 1**.

(Submitted 11/08/2023 by Marie Beavers, providencehspawprints@gmail.com)

Your Donations Making a Difference

Thank you to those who have already given to the IMPACT Campaign! We are excited to announce that projects are underway, and you will soon see improvements around our school. Bathrooms and the auditorium lobby have been repainted, and soon you will see cosmetic improvements in all the stairwells as well as the auditorium lobby.

The PTSO would love to have the support of more of our families. Your generous donations will allow us to support our teachers and our students and tackle more projects on our wish list.

To make an IMPACT on the future of Providence, please log in to www.pay4schoolstuff.com. We are also accepting stock donations.

Questions? Email phscapitalcampaign@gmail.com. Thank you!

(Submitted 11/08/2023 by Lee Sugg, leersugg@gmail.com)

Important Cap and Gown Ordering information for Seniors

Class of 2024 graduation cap and gown orders are placed online. Pricing and product information are available at www.hjcharlotte.com. Orders for the June 2024 graduation ceremony **MUST** be placed by **December 15**. If you are graduating mid-year, the deadline for ordering is **November 17**.

To order, click "High School Caps and Gowns/Grad Supplies" and then scroll down and click "Shop Caps & Gowns." Type in "Providence High School" and choose our school from the drop-down menu. "2024" should already be selected. Click "Next." Click "Shop Grad Products." The next screen will display options for graduation packages. You may order as many items, keepsakes, or accessories as you wish. You may select one of the all-inclusive packages OR if you want to order the Graduation Cap/Gown unit ONLY, click the "Grad Gear and Apparel" tab and scroll to the bottom to select "Cap, Gown, and Tassel Unit."

Graduation and graduation rehearsal dates and information will be provided later. Please email Mrs. Davis (margaretm.davis@cms.k12.nc.us) or Mrs. Doty (brandic.doty@cms.k12.nc.us) if you have any questions.

(Submitted 11/03/2023 by Margaret Davis, margaretm.davis@cms.k12.nc.us)

President's Volunteer Service Award

There is still plenty of time to accrue your volunteer hours for this year's President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA). Hours for this year's award must be accrued between **March 14, 2023, and March 13, 2024**, with all paperwork due to Ms. Haywood in the guidance department by **March 15 at 3 PM**.

Trying to find places to volunteer? Here are a few local places that might have volunteer opportunities: Bright Blessings, Matthews Help Center, Loaves and Fishes, Promising Pages, Urban Ministry Center (Operation Sandwich or collection drives), and The Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte. Also check with your house of worship, teachers, or club sponsors to see if they know of volunteer opportunities.

- Make sure your activities qualify! If you are unsure, check the PHS website for this information and all required paperwork. <https://providencehighptso.weebly.com/presidents-volunteer-service-awards.html>
- Be sure to get your log sheets signed by a supervising adult. Parents, family members, and high school students (even if 18 or older) cannot sign for you.
- The 2023-2024 application form and log sheet must be filled out legibly and completely.
 - Each date of service and corresponding number of hours must be listed separately.
 - Current contact information for the supervising adult is required for verification purposes.
 - Late or incomplete applications and paperwork will not be accepted.

If you have questions about the PVSA, contact Meridith Doub or Helen Kim at providence.pvsa@gmail.com

(Submitted 10/10/2023 by Meredith Doub, merimac76@gmail.com)

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Updated – PHS Theatre Company News

Tickets are now on sale for our production of the Pulitzer-Prize winning *You Can't Take It with You*. This engaging and wildly funny comedy reminds us what is truly important in life – the pursuit of happiness. Join us for shows at **7 PM** from **November 30-December 2** and at **3 PM** on **December 3**. Tickets are \$12 and are available via this link: <http://bit.ly/PHSFallShow>

NOTE: Due to our agreement with BookTix there will be NO refunds or exchanges. All ticket sales are final.

DONATIONS FOR CONCESSIONS: Please help us to stock the concession stand available at each of the shows by making a cash donation. Proceeds from sales go right back into the program! Please make your generous contribution via our Venmo: @PHSTheatreBoostersOrg OR via Zelle: phstheatrebooster.cms@gmail.com.

(Submitted 11/15/2023 by Cristy Pizarro, cristy.pizarro@gmail.com)

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Apprenticeship Programs

Looking for a post-high school opportunity that is different from the traditional four-year college pathway? If so, consider an apprenticeship program. Today's high-tech manufacturing requires companies to have a well-trained and highly skilled workforce. Chiron, GroningerUSA, Pfaff, and Siemens are actively beginning their recruitment season for summer pre-apprenticeship and fall 2024 Apprenticeships. Benefits of an apprenticeship include:

- Paid career opportunity with excellent benefits package.
- Graduate from school debt-free.
- Four years of advanced technical training at our facilities.
- Graduate from CPCC with Associates of Applied Science (Mechatronics Engineering Technology).
- Receive Journeyman Certificate from North Carolina Department of Labor (NCDOL).
- *Guaranteed employment after graduation.

*Excellent grades and performance must be maintained throughout the program

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please click on the link below:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdeW_LSHKnpmn2sba5xvyLkJFnmoIRdVuwoTq5AAhHC18s3_Q/viewform

(Submitted 11/08/2023 by Lisa Hall, lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us)

[School Counseling website](#)

[Information on College Visits](#)

[College and Career Center website](#)

[Job Openings](#)

[Upcoming College Visits](#)

Our scholarship list is in Naviance. Under the College tab, click Scholarship List and then click Local and Regional Scholarships.

ATHLETICS

[PHS Athletics website – click to see Panther News and Sports Report](#)

[PHS teams spirit wear store](#)

[Follow PHS Athletics on Twitter – @ProvSports2023](#)

[Follow PHS Athletics on Instagram – @providence.panthers](#)

[Follow Panther Athletic Club on Instagram – @providencepac](#)

November

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> Girls JV/V Basketball vs. South Meck @ Providence (JV 3:30 PM) (V 6 PM) Boys JV/V Basketball vs. South Meck @ Providence (JV 4:30 PM) (V 7:30 PM) Boys & Girls Wrestling @ Mooresville (5:00 PM)	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>

*MSP=Matthews Sportsplex

New – Order PHS Pajama Pants for the Holidays

Snuggle up this holiday season with Providence pajama pants. They come in ladies' and men's styles, and all sizes are \$40. Sale ends **December 1**. Click [here](#) to order.

New – Save the Date: Providence Athletic Club Golf Tournament

Mark **April 15** on your calendar for the Providence Athletic Club Golf Tournament. Registration link coming soon. For tournament questions, contact Melanie Bradle at melaniebradle@gmail.com.

(Submitted 11/16/23 by Sarah Novak, snovak428@hotmail.com)

Panther Sports Report

View this week's Panther Sports Report from our Athletic Director, Coach Caz: Go to [PHS Athletics page](#); click on Panther News in the Featured section.

Providence Athletic Club and Sports Updates

2023-2024 Head Coaches Contact Information

Below is the link to our web page with contact information for all Providence head coaches. Please reach out if you have not been connected with the sport you are interested in participating in.

<https://providenceathleticzone.com/athletics-information/providence-athletic-department-directory>.

Player Registration

This year CMS has changed its process for athlete registration. The Dragonfly site will be used to collect all documents, including physicals, proof of residency, and other required documents. This site will also be where the required CMS athletic participation fee will be collected. All this information must be completed prior to first games, but many coaches may require this information to be completed shortly after tryouts. The registration site is dragonflyathletics.com. Please start this process now so there is no delay in students' participation in PHS sports.

Providence Athletic Fee

The Providence athletic fee, which is paid by student athletes, is the primary fundraiser for Providence Athletics and supports all PHS sports. Athletes are asked to contribute \$80 if they play one season and \$130 if they play two or three seasons, and all have the option to contribute more. The Providence athletic fee can be paid through <https://www.pay4schoolstuff.com>.

PAC Membership via Hometown Fan App

Purchase your PAC membership and get admission to all home athletic games. Membership is valid for the entire school year: all sports, any season, multiple membership options. It does not include club sports and home playoff games.

The funds raised go directly to Providence Athletics to support field and facility maintenance, athletic equipment purchases, equipment maintenance, scholarships, continuing education for coaches, student athlete recognition, transportation to games, and senior recognition.

To purchase your membership, please follow these steps:

1. Download the Hometown Fan app at <https://www.hometownticketing.com/resources/hometown-fan-app/> and search for Providence Athletic Club, or go to <https://charlottemeck.hometownticketing.com/embed/all?schools=203>.
2. The app will generate a QR code for every home sporting event as your admission to the game.
3. Family memberships: each family member will use the same QR code to access all events. This will allow four, five, or six QR code scans for each event.
4. There is a \$3 convenience fee added to the cost of each membership.

Please contact membership chairperson Heidi Peltz at heidipeltz3@gmail.com with questions.

Athletic Ticket Purchases

Tickets for Providence Athletics events can be purchased through this link:

<http://charlottemeck.hometownticketing.com/embed/all?schools=103>

Download the Hometown Fan app at: <https://www.hometownticketing.com/resources/hometown-fan-app/>.

2023-2024 Corporate Sponsorship Campaign

If you would like to be a Providence Athletic Club corporate partner, please reach out to the following people for details on how to get involved.

- PAC president: Tony Tomljanovic, ttomljanovic@carolina.rr.com
- PAC sponsorship lead: Kim Henry, khenry696@gmail.com

Harris Teeter VIC Card PAC Support

Please support the Panther Athletic Club by linking your VIC card to #1062. You can link this number to your card at any Harris Teeter or go to <https://www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education>. A total of five school organizations can be added to each VIC card.

Sports Photos

To learn more about sports photo options with Providence athletics visit [ProvidenceSportsPhoto](#). For assistance, contact Rusty Transou at rtransou@gmail.com.

Live Stream PHS Sports

Providence is thrilled to announce its partnership with the NFHS Network to livestream all events in our stadium and main gym through the NFHS Network, including football, basketball, cheer, volleyball, wrestling, lacrosse, soccer, track & field, and swimming. Please access the link below, subscribe to our channel, and select Providence High School as your school of choice. A percentage of each subscription will return to Providence Athletics to support our programs and student athletes. <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/providence-high-school-charlotte-nc>

2023-2024 Providence Athletic Forms Page

Be sure to visit the Providence athletic forms page to get all the information needed for athletic participation. <https://providenceathleticzone.com/athletic-forms>.

2023-2024 Providence Athletics Schedule Page

The 2023 fall sports schedules are being posted on our Providence Athletics calendar page. Please visit the following link to view up-to-date schedules as they unfold throughout the school year: <https://providenceathleticzone.com/events>.

Student-Athlete Scholarship Opportunities for Senior Student Athletes

NCHSAA Scholarships

The application period has opened for many NCHSAA scholarships. Please visit the below link if you are interested in learning more about the scholarships available and to apply.

<https://www.nchsaa.org/grants-scholarships/>

Liz Murray Scholarship (sponsored by the Hood Hargett Breakfast Club)

The Hood Hargett Breakfast Club awards a monthly scholarship throughout the school year, with the first application deadline in early September. Once your application is submitted, it will remain in the applicant pool for the remainder of the school year. Click the link below for the application and contact your head coach or the PHS athletic director with questions.

<https://hoodhargettbreakfastclub.com/hhbc-scholarship-fund/liz-murray-scholarship-application/>